IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re new U.S. application of:

YANG et al.

: Office of Initial Patent Examination

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For: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-INSOLUBLE POLYSACCHARIDES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 15 with the following amended claim.

15(Amended). The method of claim 12 wherein said the film, porosity and sphere of water-insoluble polysaccharides may be used as various medical and cosmetic uses after washing with water/organic solution, distilled water and drying under vacuum.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicants retain the right to reintroduce any subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application.

In view of the above amendments to the claims, an early action on the merits is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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